# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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LOWER BERTHS TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether railways are considering a system whereby people above 60 years of age will get lower berths in all reserved compartments;

(b) if so, the present system in force on allotment of berths to people above 60 years; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government to modify the compartments so that passengers of above 60 can easily get access to upper berths?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)&(b): There is already a provision in the computerised Passenger Reservation System(PRS) to providelower berths automatically to male passengers of 60 years and above and female passengers of 45 years and above subject to the availability of accommodation at the time of booking. In addition, instructions also exist for allotment of lower berths falling vacant in the train due to non-turning up of passengers, to senior citizens by train conductor/TTE on first-come-first served-basis. These arrangements are considered adequate.

(c): No modification of this nature is in hand.